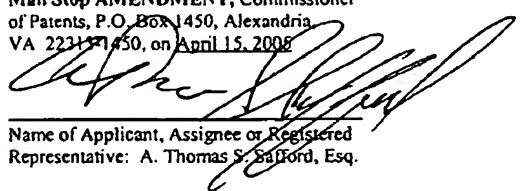


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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Official Action mailed February 16, 2005, to which response is currently due Monday, April 18, 2005 (with a one month Extension of Time, which extension is hereby requested), the applicants hereby timely elect in compliance with the restriction requirement to proceed with the prosecution of the Group I claims, namely process claims 1-10.

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